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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4

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SOCCKER VIEW

10 days ago the 92,000 fans at Wembley and the millions watching on television felt a glow of pride as Paul Mariner slotted home the winner against Hungary to take England into the world Cup finals for the first time since 1970. The cheers rang loudly around our national stadium but they were probably matched in volume by the sighs of relief which echoed from Ron Greenwood's office. He has suffered an amazing amount of pressure and if England had lost the match Greenwood's character would have been blemished forever. The England side has to an extent attracted this pressure itself with several abysmal performances. Postponing the fixtures for the Saturday before the big game placed more emphasis on the occasion and this piled even more pressure on Greenwood's lads. Reports that one or two members of the squad spent a night out till 1 a.m. did not help. It is entirely up to the players how they relax but they should expect the kind of reaction their "nightclub session" got with a press and public which thrives off scandals as it does in Britain.

Tony Morley's debut as a replacement for the injured Steve Coppell was a joy to watch. The Villa wing-man, along with one or two more of his club team-mates should have been an England regular months ago. Greenwood is biased towards the teams at the top of Division one and teams in the south i.e. West Ham. This means a player from say Middlesbrough or Birmingham has to play absolutely brilliant consistently to break his way into the England side. The young players in England have been urged on by both Kevin Keegan and Ron Greenwood to prove they deserve to travel with England to Spain. Lets hope this plea is an intended one because if it is Gary Shaw of Aston Villa, Nicky Reid of Manchester City and Mark Barham of Norwich along with a few more should be on that plane which jets out to sunny Spain!

Despite the hammering Greenwood has suffered in his spell as manager he has got us to a World Cup competition and he's timed it very well. A little bit of success in the tournament will work wonders for the country with all it's internal troubles.

This is especially true for Northern Ireland who have qualified for the first time since 1958. Their success could help unite the troubled people, Protestants and Catholics, under one banner - football.

Pat Jennings, with 88 caps deserves some success with Ireland in Spain. The 37 year old has been a tremendous servant to his country in 5 World Cup competitions.

Forty Two goals were scored in Division one last Saturday - the highest since November, 1974. The 3 points for win system seems to be paying dividends in terms of goals.

Don Howe, coach at Arsenal is reported to be wanted by Wolverhampton to take over from John Barnwell as manager. Why Wolves are so keen to acquire Howe is a mystery. Three years ago they almost enticed him from Arsenal but he chose to stay put. Howe may be a highly educated coach but the teams he turns out are incredibly boring to watch. This season Arsenal have conceded fewer goals than any other first division side. This seems to be Howe's main objective - defence. It is bad enough having Arsenal purveying "Howe-style" soccer without Wolves doing the same. Let's hope the Wolves directors pull out of any deal!

When I took over the editorship of the "Dale Programme at the start of this season I had hoped to make the programme the best in the fourth division. The realities of life in the lower divisions however means that most of my ambitious plans have had to be curtailed. Nevertheless, I hope the programme is an improvement on recent seasons. If you continue to buy it we'll soon have the programme we all want - packed with photographs, colour and enjoyable reading.

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Clive Evans, Les Bradd, Neil Davids, Graham Barrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Methven, Mike Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex. Cribley.

Today we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Wigan Athletic. Wigan, the "babes" of the Football League, having been elected to Division Four in 1978 after a second vote at the league's annual meeting, which ousted Southport, were formed in 1932 and featured in some historic F.A. Cup performances before joining the league.

They were Cheshire League champions four times, Lancashire Combination champions four times, Northern Premier Shield winners three times, Northern Premier Cup winners in 1971-72 and they won the Northern Premier League twice.

Dale had a part in the history of the Latics, for they provided Wigan with their first ever win in the Football League, 3 - 0 at Springfield Park.

Wigan's player-manager Larry Lloyd needs little introduction. Lloyd made 150 appearances for Liverpool and 148 for Nottingham Forest, with 50 games for Coventry City sandwiched between, and of course, he also made his mark as a central defender with England.

Lloyd has been busy since his arrival at Springfield Park last season, releasing several players, and taking on several new faces.

His latest signing was goalkeeper Roy Tunks from Preston North End. Tunks played 138 times for Rotherham United, and had spells on loan with York City, Ipswich and Newcastle United before joining Preston.

Close-season signings were John McMahon from Crewe, Graham Barrow from Altrincham, Clive Evans from Tranmere Rovers, Kevin Sheldon from Stoke. Les Bradd from Stockport and Jimmy Weston joined Wigan from Torquay United shortly after the season started.

Club captain and central defender, rated one of the best in the Fourth Division is Colin Methven who joined Wigan from East Fife where he made more than 150 appearances.

Strikers are Mike Quinn and Peter Houghton who both hail from Liverpool.

Supporters Spot

Good afternoon and welcome to Spotland for our third game in a week. Our two cup-ties against Hull have certainly been nail biting affairs and the saga will continue on Monday evening at Leeds United. The Supporters Club will be taking coaches and you can book your seat at the Supporters Club office before and after this afternoons game.

Whilst the Cup is on everybodys mind at the moment we have to concentrate on this afternoons fixture against Wigan who look like chasing promotion this season. Next Saturday we are at Hereford and the Supporters Club will be running a coach leaving at 10.30 (Adults £5.60, Juniors £3.80) Please book at the Club office.

On Sunday our Quiz team was in action against Sunderland in the National Federation Rothmans Year Book Quiz, First round, First leg. The Dale won a sporting game 67 - 35 and now go confidently into the second leg that will take place on Sunday 6th December at the Rockingham Arms Hotel, Doncaster at 8.30 p.m. The team would like to thank everyone who supported them and helped to arrange the match.

We have plenty of new stock at our Club Shop at the moment including new leather wallets, car licence holders, rosettes, pullovers, pens, scarves etc...

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Disco on Friday 11th December at 8.00pm in the players lounge. Tickets are priced £1.50 and include supper.

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We are now well into the 1981/2 league programme and after the optimism following the pre-season friendly games many of you I know are finding our current position in the league very disappointing. We must however, not let this detract us from the progress which is being made at the Club. Last season it was vital that we did not finish in the bottom four and having achieved that we are now laying the foundation for the future well being of the Club.

The performances of the reserves this season, a side which contains several promising young players augurs well for the future.

As you will have noticed, work on the social club has been continuing and we are hoping to have this in full swing in December. Arrangements are well under way to hold a Sportsmans Dinner in January when Peter Swales will be the guest speaker. May I take this opportunity to record my personal thanks to Peter Jackson and his "Staff" for the tremendous work and effort they have put in to make a success of the Social Club.

We have continued the terracing of the Wilbutts Lane side of the ground and in the course of the next 2/3 weeks we shall be erecting the fencing at the Pearl Street end which will then enable us to segregate visiting supporters. Once again our thanks are extended to that hard working band of the Supporters Club who do such good work much of which goes unnoticed but is nonetheless so important.

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News At Four

by MARK HODKINSON

The former Barrow, Workington, Liverpool and Mansfield striker Ian McDonald has left York City and moved to Aldershot. He made his debut for the Shots in their home FA Cup tie against Leytonstone which they won 2-0. It wasn't new-boy McDonald who secured the win but Colin Garwood, their transfer-listed forward. He scored both goals, one either side of half-time. Another transfer deal between two fourth division sides has seen Trevor Morgan shift his talents from Bournemouth to Mansfield. Stuart Boam, Mansfield's player/manager clinched Morgan's signature just before he went into hospital for treatment on a back injury. Stuart Croft has been released by York City.

Scunthorpe are trying to persuade Carlisle to let them borrow their lanky striker, Paul Bannon. The final decision as to whether Bannon can join bottom-of-the-table Scunthorpe on-loan, depends on Bob Stokoe.

Jim Holton, the ex-Manchester United and Scotland centre-back has been granted a free transfer by Sheffield Wednesday, several fourth division sides are chasing him including Blackpool.

Last Saturday, in the first round of the FA Cup 10 fourth division sides battled through to the second round, 3 made a quick exit and 11 were forced to play again in replays during last week.

The 3 sides who are already out are Halifax, Mansfield and Bradford. Halifax were hammered 3-0 at The Shay by Peterborough, Mansfield were narrow losers against Doncaster at Field Mill 0-1 and Bradford came unstuck at Scunthorpe's Old Show Ground when they too lost 1-0.

Crewe and Blackpool coped well on their visits to two tiny non-league sides. Bob Scott, former Dale centre-back, sealed Crewe's cup success, scoring in the sixth minute against Willenhall.

Blackpool's saviour was Wayne Harrison who scored their winner at Horden Colliery. Nearly 4,500 fans packed into Horden's tiny ground to see their clash with the sea-siders. They held out their famous opponents for an hour before Wayne Harrison finished them off.

Keith Walwyn, the player York recruited from Chesterfield in the summer scored his sides FA Cup winner when they beat Stafford Rangers 2-1. Walwyn has turned out to be a good buy for York, he is already into double figures with ten goals in fifteen league matches.

Hereford, who Rochdale play next week, had a tremendous cup result beating Southend, 3-1. All their goals came in a nine minute spell in the second half.

Altrincham did their claims for a place in the football league no harm in their cup-tie at Bramhall Lane against league-leaders - Sheffield United. They pulled off a remarkable draw after twice being a goal down. Sheffield's first goal came from the boot of Keith Edwards who has now knocked in nine goals for the Blades since his £95,000 transfer from Hull City in September. Our near neighbours Stockport had no trouble with disposing Mossley of the Northern Premier League.

They won 3-1 at Edgeley Park with two of their goals coming from their tricky winger, Osher Williams.

The Match - of - the - Day as far as the fourth division is concerned today is the match between Bournemouth and Sheffield United at Dean Court, a defeat for either side will be a major setback.

Wigan, today's visitors could only manage a draw at home against Hartlepool in the FA Cup last Saturday. Their player-manager, Larry Lloyd has been injured and missed the cup games against Hartlepool.

All Rochdale fans will be hoping Wigan have their minds on next week's league cup match with either Aston Villa or Leicester so that we can pick up 3 much needed points. Whether Rochdale win or lose to-day we still wish Wigan well in the league cup - they are doing the fourth division proud!

MAN in the MIDDLE

BAKER Morris R. (Wolverhampton)

Commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton, Amateur League, then through West Midland (Regional) to Football League. Has officiated in an England v Scotland (Amateur) International also a Hungary v Austria match.

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To a neutral our Cup Match against Hull last Saturday must have been a thriller. It was so typical of an English Cup tie, lots of battling and effort with little skill or flair. The conditions did not advocate enterprising soccer. Pushing the ball around in mid-field was impossible. I felt Barry Wellings and Mark Hilditch worked tremendously hard up front with little reward. The passes they received often stopped short or were over-hit and carrying the ball on a sodden pitch was very difficult. Nevertheless Barry and Mark persisted and caused the Hull centre-backs plenty of problems. Having said I was pleased with the forwards it didn't surprise me in the slightest that both our goals were scored by mid-field players. The only way to hit the net on a wet pitch is to shoot and the best place to do this from, is the edge of the penalty box where mid-field players generally congregate when we attack. We never really slipped into top gear last week. The defence was to blame for the second goal. We can't carry on losing concentration and giving goals away. As these notes went to press before the cup replay I cannot comment on the match at Hull. I only hope that we managed a win!

Today we are back into the battle for league points. Wigan will prove difficult opponents. They have only lost twice on away soil and they are on the fringes of the promotion race. Last Season we managed to do the "double" over Wigan. I hope we can do the same again this season!

OUR LAST ENCOUNTER

League 4
4.10.80.

ROCHDALE 3 V 0 WIGAN ATHLETIC

Scorers :- Wann (2), Hilditch

Attendance 3,479

Teams

Rochdale - Crawford, Jones, Snookes, Esser, Burke, Taylor, Wann, O'Loughlin, Hilditch, Wellings, Martinez. Sub. Weir.

Wigan - Ward, Curtis, Kettle, Gore, Methven, Davids, Urquhart, Wright, Hutchinson, M. Quinn, Corrigan Sub. Houghton for Corrigan.

This was the Dales first ever victory against Wigan and they followed it up with a 1-0 win at Springfield Park in March with a goal from Brian Taylor in front of the TV cameras. Rochdale couldn't continue their exciting form - four days later they lost at Lincoln 3-0.

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DOLAN TERRY	4
BURKE PETER	5
TAYLOR BRIAN	6
GOODWIN DAVE	7
O'LOUGHLIN NIGEL	8
HILDITCH MARK	9
WELLINGS BARRY	10
MARTINEZ EUGENE	11
Sub. WEIR ALAN	12

WIGAN

TUNKS ROY
MCMAHON JOHN
CRIBLEY ALEX
WIGNALL MARK
LLOYD LARRY
METHVEN COLIN
SHELDON KEVIN
BARROW GRAHAM
BRADD LES
HOUGHTON PETER
WESTON JIMMY
Sub. EVANS CLIVE

Referee Mr. M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)

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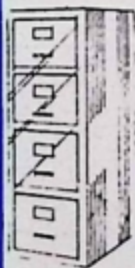
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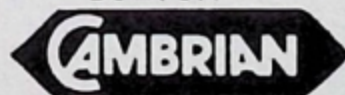
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